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[English]

Functioning of Coffee Board

3542. SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Coffee Board has recommended to grant cent percent free sale quota for all the growers for the coffee season 1996-97; and

(b) if so, the decision taken by the Government in this regard and the role, functions and the arrangement for providing necessary funds for the functioning of the Coffee Board in the changed circumstances?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government has not yet taken any decision in this regard.

Bench of Karnataka High Court

3543. SHRI P. KODANDA RAMAIAH : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have agreed to set up a bench of the Karnataka High Court in Dharwar; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS, LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP) : (a) and (b) No complete proposal has been received from the Government of Karnataka, in consultation with the Chief Justice of the Karnataka High Court, for establishment of a bench of the High Court at Dharwar. As such, it is not possible for the Central Government to take a decision in the matter.

Foreign Exchange Dealers

3544. SHRI SURESH PRABHU : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of foreign exchange dealers func-

tioning in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether all such dealers have obtained necessary licences from the Government; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) There are 96 banks and other institutions holding full-fledged licences and 7 holding restricted licences. State-wise details are furnished in attached statement.

(b) The banks/certain financial institutions are issued licences to deal in foreign exchange business by Reserve Bank of India.

(c) Question does not arise.

STATEMENT

State-wise details of the Foreign Exchange Dealers

SI.No.	Name of State	No. of Dealers
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1
2.	Delhi	6
3.	Gujarat	2
4.	Haryana	1
5.	Jammu & Kashmir	1
6.	Karnataka	6
7.	Kerala	6
8.	Madhya Pradesh	2
9.	Maharashtra	61
10.	Rajasthan	1
11.	Tamil Nadu	10
12.	Uttar Pradesh	1
13.	West Bengal	5

Outstanding Income Tax dues in Jammu and Kashmir

3545. SHRI CHAMAN LAL GUPTA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount of Income Tax dues outstanding in Jammu region and also in Kashmir Valley;

(b) whether certain officers and private firms have declined to submit their returns especially after the eruption of insurgency in Kashmir Valley;

(c) if so the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken or proposed to be taken by Government to recover the outstanding dues?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) The amount of Income-tax demand outstanding in Jammu region and Kashmir Valley

is Rs. 10.80 and 16.00 crores respectively.

- (b) No, Sir.
- (c) Does not arise.

(d) Most of the demands is either locked up in appeals or stayed by Higher Authority/Courts etc. The Income-tax officers have been directed to approach the appellate authorities and request them to take up high demand cases on priority.

[Translation]

Non-Banking Financial Institutions

3546. SHRI KACHARU BHAU RAUT : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have banned some non-banking financial institutions from collecting money from the people in the country; and

(b) if so, the details of such non-banking financial institutions alongwith the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that certain non-banking financial companies have been prohibited from accepting further deposits.

(b) Upto 30th June, 1996 RBI had prohibited 201 Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) including Residuary Non-Banking Companies (RNBCs) from accepting deposits from public. The reasons for prohibiting these NBFCs from accepting deposits are mainly for non-compliance with Non-Banking Financial Companies (Reserve Bank) Directions, 1977/Residuary Non-Banking Companies (Reserve Bank) Directions, 1987.

[English]

Central Direct Taxes Advisory Committee

3547. SHRI MADHUKAR SARPOTDAR : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Direct Taxes Advisory Committee has been reconstituted;

(b) if so, how many sittings of the Committee have since been held;

(c) whether the Committee has sent any suggestions/ decisions to Government so far; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The Central

Direct Taxes Advisory Committee has been reconstituted on 29.1.1996. With the constitution of the 11th Lok Sabha after the General Elections, it has become necessary to renominate the four Members of Parliament to the Committee. The Committee will be reconstituted shortly and a meeting will be held immediately thereafter.

Supply of Coal to Power Plants

3548. SARDAR SURJEET SINGH BARNALA:
SHRI B. DHARMA BIKSHAM :
SHRI S.D.N.R.WADIYAR :
SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA :

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether some power plants are not being supplied with adequate quantum of coal;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, particularly with reference to Punjab;

(c) the details of the complaints received from the various power plants about non availability of coal during the last six months;

(d) the reasons for short supply of coal; and

(e) the steps taken to ensure the supply of coal to different power units as per requirement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State-wise details of linkages given and actual supplies made for the period April-July, 1996 are shown in the Statement-I attached.

(c) and (d) The details of the power stations which have not received less than 95% of the linked quantity during the period April-July, 1996 and the reasons for short supply are indicated in the Statement-II attached.

(e) As may be seen, supply of coal to different power stations is sometimes inhibited due to a variety of reasons most of which are beyond the control of the Ministry of Coal or the coal companies.

STATEMENT-I

(In '000 tonnes)		
State	Linkage	Despatch
1. Andhra Pradesh	4695	4891
2. Bihar	3125	2822
3. Delhi	1685	1614
4. Gujarat	6145	4568
5. Haryana	1125	1034
6. Karnataka	1675	1363